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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2019-ICCD-0049]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; 2019–20 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS: 20) Institution Collection

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2019-ICCD-0049. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the www.regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or e-mail and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street, SW, PCP, Room 9089, Washington, D.C. 20202-0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kubzdela, 202-245-7377 or email NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on

the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: 2019–20 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:20) Institution Collection

OMB Control Number: 1850-0666

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection

Respondents/ Affected Public: Individuals or Households

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 6,073

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 13,577

Abstract: The 2019-20 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:20) is a nationally representative cross-sectional study of how students and their families finance education beyond high school in a given academic year. NPSAS is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and was first implemented by NCES during the 1986–87 academic year and has been fielded every 2 to 4 years since. This request is to conduct the 11th cycle in the NPSAS series that will be conducted during the 2019–20 academic year. NPSAS:20 will be both nationally- and state-representative. NPSAS:20 also will serve as the base year data collection for the 2020 cohort of the Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS:20), a study of first-time beginning postsecondary students that will be conducted three years (BPS:20/22) and six years (BPS:20/25) after beginning their postsecondary education. NPSAS:20 will consist of nationally-representative sample undergraduate and graduate students, and a nationally-representative sample of first-time beginning students (FTBs). Subsets of questions in the student interview will focus on describing aspects of the experience of beginning students in their first year of postsecondary education, including student debt and education experiences. This submission covers materials and procedures related to institution sampling, institution contacting, enrollment list collection, and matching to administrative data files as part of the NPSAS:20 data collection. NCES will submit a separate clearance package covering the NPSAS:20 student data collection, including student record data abstraction and student interviews, in the summer of 2019. The materials and procedures are based on those developed for previous institution-based data collections, including NPSAS:16, BPS:12 student record collection, and the 2018 NPSAS Administrative Collection (NPSAS:18-AC). The NPSAS:20 enrollment list collection from institutions will take place from October 2019 through July 2020, the student records collection will take place from February through November 2020, and the student survey data collection will take place from January through November 2020.

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